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Docket no. 9380

REMARKS


This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 12, 2006. Claims 1 - 29 are pending, and all stand rejected at present.

It is believed that amendments to the claims have removed all bases for 112 - objections.

The amendments relating to "and/or" have been made solely for furtherance of the prosecution, and not because of any admitted error. The term "and/or" represents accepted English usage. According to Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Ed., 1993), this term means ". . . a function word to indicate that two words or expressions are to be taken together or individually."

Thus, the expression "You may purchase A and/or B" means that you may purchase A, or B, or both.

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